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SUBJECT: CODEL HUMPHREY/SCOTT: SOVIET POSITION ON INDIAN OCEAN
NEGOTIATIONS

REF: A. THE HAGUE 3408; B. STATE 0001B 2021920 FROM IPS/PE

1. I WAS DEEPLY DISTRESSED TO LEARN THAT "EMBASSY CABLES"
HAVE BEEN LEAKED TO EVANS AND NOVAK WHO REPORTED
EXCHANGES BETWEEN SOVIET OFFICIALS AND THE U.S. SENATE DELE-
GATION. THE PASSAGES CITED INDICATE THAT THE CABLE IN
QUESTION WAS IN FACT THE HAGUE 3408, I.E., NOT AN EMBASSY
MOSCOW MESSAGE.

2. THE LEAKING OF SUCH ITEMS INEVITABLY UNDERMINES THE
CANDOR WE CAN EXPECT FROM THE SOVIETS IN CONFIDENTIAL DIS-
CUSSIONS. WE HAVE MADE SCRUPULOUS EFFORT TO SEE THAT SUCH
LEAKS DO NOT OCCUR AT THIS END. I WOULD THEREFORE RECOMMEND
THAT STRENUOUS EFFORT BE UNDERSTAKEN TO FIND THE SOURCE OF
THE LEAK AND TO PREVENT RECURRENCES.

3. IN ANY CASE, I WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT
EXPRESSING TO BOTH SENATOR CULVER AND SENATOR HART MY
OWN PERSONAL DISTRESS ABOUT THIS UNFORTUNATE MATTER.
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